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EARLY RARE PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGES OF CAPITOL, WHITE HOUSE ACQUIRED

The earliest known photographic images of the Capitol and the White House are among six daguerreotypes just acquired by the Library of Congress. In superb condition, these unique pictures show the Capitol with the dome designed by Bulfinch after the War of 1812 and before the construction of the present, high cast iron dome, and the White House before the office wings were built. The other daguerreotypes show the Patent Office–now the National Portrait Gallery–before the additions along 7th Street and 9th Street, two views of the General Post Office Building (now the Tariff Commission), and the Battle Monument in Baltimore.

The rarity and uniqueness of these daguerreotypes result from the fact that no negative is used in this direct positive technique, so multiple prints could not be made. Instead the image was created directly on a polished metal plate, and is viewed by reflecting light off the shiny silver surface. Normally, the image of a daguerreotype is reversed, owing to the absence of a negative/positive process, but in the six plates just acquired the photographer evidently used a reversing prism so the buildings appear to the viewer in their correct orientation and signs read correctly.

Preliminary investigation indicates that these daguerreotypes were probably taken by John Plumbe, Jr., a well-known and enterprising daguerreotypist whose Washington studio was part of his national chain of galleries. The daguerreotype of the Capitol Building was reproduced by Plumbe himself in a lithographic print (which he called a "Plumbeotype"), and was published around 1846. The other pictures probably date from the same year. A few identifiable business establishments are depicted around the Post Office, and in one view overhead wires–possible from Morse's telegraph office–can be discerned.

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PDF PROJECT OPERATIONAL

The Personnel Data File (PDF) Project, which was reported in the LC *Information Bulletin* last winter [January 27, p. 39] is now an operational system Effective this month, the automated files will assist the Library to identify individual qualifications and experience, to develop training programs, and to determine promotion potential for individual employees. PDF will provide quicker and easier access to employee data for official use, and will assist the Personnel Operations Office in the processing of personnel actions and maintenance of the position control file.

Once each year, a printout of the current file will be forwarded to all employees, providing them with an opportunity to review, update, or correct the information on their records. In the near future, LC employees will receive the first printout containing

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FRENCH JURIST VISITS LC

The Dean of the Law School, University of Aix Marseilles, France, Charles Debbasch, visited the European Law Division of the Law Library, on August 24, accompanied by a U.S. Department of State Escort-Interpreter.

Dr. Debbasch was especially interested in the rich collection of French legal works in the custody of the division. A prolific writer, he was pleased to find that all of his books, most of which deal with law and political science, are in the Library's collections.

STATISTICS SHOW MORE WOMEN IN HIGHER GRADES AT LIBRARY

The Civil Service Commission released on August 21 statistics to show the increase, between October 1970 and October 1971, in the number of women in better paying jobs in the Federal Government. A comparison of the 1971 statistics with statistics of women in the Library of Congress on the same date, however, indicates that the rest of the Federal Government has a long way to go before it approaches the Library of Congress as an employer of women. In Grades 6 and above, the Library shows a higher proportion of women at almost every grade for positions up to and including Grade 18; the figures for Executive level positions in the Government as a whole, 1.8 percent, reflect the few women who are heads of agencies.

GS	LC Total	LC Men	LC Women	LC % Women	Gov't % Women
1					71.3
2	40	17	23	57.5	71.3
3	171	89	82	47.9	77.7
4	373	110	263	70.5	74.3
5	504	224	280	55.5	68.1
6	320	113	207	64.6	62.5
7	464	209	255	54.9	43.7
8	104	41	63	60.5	38.0
9	412	191	221	53.6	27.9
10	30	16	14	46.6	16.3
11	410	195	215	52.4	13.3
12	316	168	148	46.8	7.7
13	196	133	63	32.1	4.6
14	105	80	25	23.8	3.8
15	71	60	11	15.4	2.5
16	32	31	1	3.1	3.7
17	22	20	2	9.0	1.1
18	5	4	1	20.0	1.0
Above 18	3	3	0	0	1.8
Totals	3,578	1,704	1,874	52.3	40.1

Although a later compilation for the Federal Government is not yet available, the Library of Congress has compiled statistics as of May 1972:

GS	LC Total	LC Men	LC Women	LC % Women
1	1	1	0	0
2	25	10	15	60.0
3	172	93	79	45.9
4	398	131	267	67.0
5	531	216	315	59.3
6	316	114	202	63.9
7	510	233	277	54.3
8	105	37	68	64.7
9	423	196	227	53.6
10	34	16	18	52.9
11	435	215	220	50.5
12	355	180	175	49.2
13	201	135	66	32.8
14	129	99	30	23.2
15	70	60	10	14.2
16	30	30	0	0
17	21	20	1	4.7
18	4	3	1	25.0
Above 18	3	3	0	0
Totals	3,763	1,792	1,971	52.3

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The Civil Service Commission plans to publish some time in the future a report showing Federal employment of women by agencies, occupational groups, and GS (and equivalent) grade levels for 1971 compared with 1970.

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These extraordinary daguerreotypes were discovered in a flea market in the San Francisco area by Michael Kessler, a Los Angeles collector of early photographic equipment, and first came to the Library's attention when Mr. Kessler sent photographic copies of them to the Prints and Photographs Division for identification. It is intriguing to know that Mr. Plumbe sold his Washington gallery and moved to San Francisco around 1850, even though no direct connection between Plumbe and more recent owners of the plates has yet been established. This is just one of the many lines of investigation now being followed by the Library's photographic historians; their findings will be presented in the near future in exhibitions and publications, utilizing this remarkable material.

The daguerreotypes themselves may now be examined in the Prints and Photographs Division. Photographic copies are available for purchase from the Library's Photoduplication Service.

THE BERMUDIAN PRESENTED TO LC

Through the generosity of the Onandaga Historical Association and its president, Richard N. Wright, the Library has received on microfilm a fragmentary file comprising scattered issues for the year 1822, and also the issue for August 8, 1821, of the St. George, Bermuda weekly newspaper, *The Bermudian: A Commerical, Political, and Literary Journal.*

The contents of the paper, using the motto "We shall conceal nothing we shall exaggerate nothing," attributed to Jeremy Bentham, consist of advertisements and other notices typical of the period, local news, letters to the editor, poetry and literary miscellany and summaries of dispatches from English and American (U.S.) newspapers. Events recounted include proceedings in the English Parliament, the U.S. Congress, and the Virginia legislature, military and naval movements, and shipping news.

The Bermudian is available for use in the Newspaper and Current Periodical Room.

NEW TREES PLANTED ON LC GROUNDS

The beauty of the Library's grounds has always been a source of pride for the staff members of the Buildings Management Office who see to it that the lawns, trees, and shrubs receive the best of care and who, from time to time, plant new and unusual trees and shrubs.

During the past year the gardeners have set out taxus and Japanese dwarf holly on the south side of the Main Building, 10 white dogwood trees on the north side, and Chinese and Japanese hollies around the new parking areas. The new additions raise the total of evergreen and deciduous trees on the Library grounds to 78. There are as many as 30 different kinds of trees, some of the oldest, over 60 years old, being the hackberry, honey locust, evergreen magnolia, and Japanese cherry.

The trees are purchased with funds from the Library of Congress Gardener's Budget at several nurseries located in different eastern seaboard States and from the Poplar Point Nursery operated by the Landscape Architect in the Office of the Architect of the Capitol.

Pruning, spraying, and feeding the ornamental plantings keep the gardeners busy. They also have to combat the usual gardening problems—insects, disease, and storms—and, especially in recent years, the growing threat of polluted air.

PDF PROJECT OPERATIONAL

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their personal, educational, and employment history as it appears in their personnel files or as they reported it to the PDF Project. The current personnel status of all employees will also be shown on the printout.

Any subsequent changes in personnel status or the completion of a training course coordinated by the Library's Training Office will be updated automatically in the file. Employees are also asked to inform the Personnel Operations Office of any other changes in personnel data such as additional education, marital status, address, and telephone number, in order to keep this information current.

STAFF NEWS

STAFF DEATH

John L. (Skip) Hardesty, Supervisory Librarian in the Serial Record Division, died on August 22 after a short illness.

A native Washingtonian, Mr. Hardesty came to the Library of Congress in January 1943 as a Deck Attendant in the Periodicals Division. After a tour of duty with the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946, he served in progressively responsible positions in the Serial Division and the Union Catalog Division. In December 1969, he was appointed to the position he held at the time of his death.

Among the survivors are his wife, May Lorraine, six children, and a brother, Patrick, who is Head of the Receiving and Routing Section in the Exchange and Gift Division. Graveside services were held at Washington National Cemetery on August 24.

Mr. Hardesty acquired a vast store of knowledge and many friends in a career which began early, at age 16, and ended too soon, at 46.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

John B. Kuiper, Head of the Motion Picture Section of the Prints and Photographs Division, has been re-elected a Vice President of the International Federation of Film Archives. The Federation whose aim is to foster exchange of information about motion picture archive work maintains a secretariat in Brussels, holds an annual international congress devoted to topics and papers on film and television conservation and history, and supports the work of several specialized commissions which study and publish materials on film cataloging, documentation, and preservation. The Federation is composed of 48 archives and cinemathèques in 38 countries.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Effective this month, **Robert B. Lane**, Field Director of the Library's PL-480 office in Karachi, will also serve as Acting Field Director of the Library's PL-480 office in Cairo.

He relieves Alvin Moore, Jr., Field Director of the Library's NPAC office in Nairobi, who has shouldered dual responsibilities in Cairo and Nairobi since 1969. Mr. Moore will now devote his full time to the numerous countries and territories comprising eastern Africa.

Mr. Lane expects to visit the Cairo office once a month, as Mr. Moore has for the past three years.

Merwin C. Phelps has been promoted to Chief of the Library Services Division of the Congressional Research Service. He had been serving as Acting Chief since his predecessor, Norman A. Pierce, assumed the duties of Chief of the Congressional Reference Division.

A native of Manton, Mich., Mr. Phelps entered the University of Michigan in 1941. His schooling was interrupted in 1943 when he was inducted into the Army and served with the infantry in France and Germany during World War II. After his discharge in 1946, Mr. Phelps returned to the University of Michigan where he earned B.A. (1948), M.S. in political science (1949), and M.L.S. (1951) degrees. The recipient of an Edwin Conely Fellowship, Mr. Phelps worked as a student assistant in the University Library and the Political Science Department during his undergraduate and graduate years.

Mr. Phelps came to the Library of Congress in 1951 as a Special Recruit and a year later was appointed a Classifier in the Library Services Division of the then Legislative Reference Service. In 1953 he was promoted to Bibliographer in Political Science in the Subject Specialization Section and later that year was named Head of that Section. In 1962 he was named Assistant Chief of the Library Services Division and Service Librarian. Mr. Phelps earned Outstanding Performance Ratings in 1954, 1956, and 1958, and in 1960 he received a Meritorious Service Award. In February 1969 he received a 20-year Federal Service Award. [See LC *Information Bulletin* of February 27, 1969, pp. 123-124.]

Mr. Phelps' activities outside the Library have focused on the Davies Memorial Unitarian Church in Camp Springs, Md., where he has served as a Board Member and in church music programs.

Appointments: Arthur G. Anderson, librarian, GS-9, Share Cat, 2602; Janice E. Baker, research assistant, GS-7, CRS S, 2990; Beulah L. Barr, wrapping clerk, WG-4, Card, 2809; Danielle M. Beauchamp, library technician, GS-5, Cat Publ 4043; Daniel E. Bethea, production assistant arranger, GS-3, Cat Publ, 6-500; Frances A. Bowers, accounts maintenance clerk, GS-4, Cop Serv, 2932; David H. Bowman library technician, GS-5 Cat Publ, 4043; Mary L. Bowman, janitor, WG-1, Bldgs, 12-100; Eugene M. Burroughs, clerk, GS-3, DBPH, 4062; Penelope L. Chambers, publications clerk, GS-3, Cop Cat, 4046; Gloria J. Clemons, clerk-typist, GS-2, GR&B, 7-600; Susan F. Darvas, descriptive cataloger, GS-9, Desc Cat, 2938; Valerie E. Denney clerk typist, GS-4, Loan, 4036; Paula Ann Houghton, card punch operator, GS-5, ISO, 2840; Sandra Merle Lagrone, editorial clerk, GS-4, Desc Cat, 4044; Michael S. Nordberg, card drawing clerk GS-3, Card, 2932; Tyvise J. T. Queen, processing assistant, GS-3, Desc Cat, 4047; Paul C. Quinn, mail clerk GS-4, CS, 2986; S. Lester Ungerleider, senior programmer, GS-12, MARC Dev, 2905; Emily White Zehmer, descriptive cataloger, GS-9, Desc Cat, 4072.

Temporary Appointments: Robert M. Coffelt, assistant to the bookroom attendant, GS-4, Loan, NP; Stephen P. Dwyer, clerk, GS-3, CRS D, 2991; Sundari T. Prahasto, clerk-typist, GS-3, Loan, NP.

Reappointments: Alexander M. Dolgun, expert, GS-13, FRD, NP; Josephine H. Gross, library technician, GS-5, Cat Publ, 4043; Johanna B. Swart, descriptive cataloger, GS-9, Desc Cat, 4071.

Promotions: Emma J. Bourne, to librarian, GS-11, Ser Rec 4048; Martha E. Hatfalvi, to librarian, GS-11, Ser Rec, 4048; Gwendolyn A. Hoppe, to loan reference specialist, GS-11, Loan, 2968; Otis R. McClees, to library technician, GS-5, Cop Serv, 2980.

Transfers: Brenda L. Helms, Cop Serv, to correspondence clerk, GS-3, Cop Exam, 5-200; Harold Moore, CS, to processor trainee, GS-4, Ser, 2554; Joseph Jacques Schwarz, CRS L, to reference librarian, GS-9, CRS C, NP; Willie Swinson, Jr., LL AB, to processor trainee, GS-4, Ser, 2554 & 2843; Robert G. Wheeler, LL O, to reading room assistant, loose leaf services, GS-4, LL AB, NP.

Resignations: Daniel P. Beard, CRS EP; Claude A. Crawford, PMO; Sharon Edwards, Cop Serv; Patricia B. Hall, CRS GGR; Taffye M. Hazel, Subj Cat; Johnny C. Huff, DBPH; Kathleen J. Kruger, Share Cat; Emogene F. Lawson, Preserv; Michael E. Lestz, FRD; James McNeal, Cat Mgmt; Iris Lorraine Mitchell, Cat Publ; D. G. O'Meara, Jr., FRD; Karl Rudder, Photodup; Kathleen Van Tiem, CRS C.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dodson are the parents of a son, Eric Jay, born August 22 at George Washington University Hospital. Mr. Dodson is a member of the Filing staff of the Catalog Management Division.

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FIRST YEAR'S WORK ON COMPUTER-ASSISTED BRAILLE MUSIC ENDED

The completion in May of a year of work on a system of computer-assisted braille music production has resulted in the realization of the project's first-year goal: the capability to emboss some simple music titles by computer. Three titles, which involve studies and exercises for single instruments, have been brailled experimentally and represent music which has been categorized at the first or beginning level of complexity from the standpoint of computer processing.

The American Printing House for the Blind, which developed the system under contract with the Library and in close liaison with the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, predicts that by the end of the second year it will be possible to produce music at the second and third levels of difficulty, involving two or more instruments and band parts. The experience of the first year of programming led to the conclusion that it will take two or three years to complete the project. Congress has appropriated funds to continue the second phase of the work through fiscal year 1973, and the contract with the American Printing House for the Blind for this phase was let in June.

The computer project was conceived two years ago when it became apparent that a shortage of skilled transcribers needed to translate music manually into braille could result in a possible cessation of production of press braille music. Subsequently, the Library received a grant of $25,000 from the Kulas Foundation of Cleveland, Ohio [see the LC *Information Bulletin* for January 14, 1971, pp. 22-23], to underwrite the cost of the first year of work on the project, and in May 1971, the American Printing House for the Blind began studies of the equipment and personnel needed for computer-assisted braille music production.

CORRECTION

The story in last week's LC *Information Bulletin* on the Senate ratification of the Universal Copyright Convention (p. 393, col. 2) should have read the "new text specifically enumerates certain basic rights of authors . . ." and not the "next text. . . ."

NEWS IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

Local Chapter of SLA To Meet September 14

The D.C. Chapter of the Special Libraries Association will hold its first fall meeting on September 14 at the Embassy Rosslyn Hotel, 1500 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. A social hour will cash bar will begin at 6 p.m. Dinner and a program featuring several new directors from local libraries and the information field will begin at 7 p.m. The cost is $6.75.

Reservations may be made by contacting the Hospitality Chairman Elaine Kurtz, U.S. Book Exchange, LA9-2555. Checks may be mailed to her home, 6640 Adrian St., New Carrollton, Md. Parking will be available in the hotel basement for $1.50.

California Group Plans Acquisitions Institute

"Acquisitions Explored" will be the subject of the Library Institutes Planning Committee's fifth annual institute, to be held October 27-28 in Palo Alto, Calif. Featured speaker will be Daniel Melcher, former R. R. Bowker Co. President and author of the book, *Melcher on Acquisitions* (American Library Association, 1971). The program will include panels and small discussion groups. Registration is $20. Further information may be obtained from Joseph E. Ryus, 2858 Oxford Ave., Richmond Calif. 94806.

The Library Institutes Planning Committee is a non-profit organization composed of eight librarians from county, special, State, and university libraries in northern California.

Ethel Crockett Named California State Librarian

Mrs. Ethel S. Crockett has been appointed California State Librarian, replacing Carma Leigh who retired recently after serving 21 years. Mrs. Crockett, a graduate of Vassar College, received her master's degree in librarianship at San Jose State College, and has been Director of Library Services of City College of San Francisco since 1968. Before taking the San Francisco post, she was Librarian at San Jose City College. She is a member of the American Library Association, California Library Association, California Association of School Librarians, Special Libraries Association, the Book Club of California, and the Commonwealth Club of California.